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UPCOMING EVENTS

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10-11	Pilot Clinic
17-18	Training Leaders of Cadets
24-25	SLS
July	
1-2	CD Training
7-9	SAREX
8-16	SWR Cadet Leadership School
22	ICS 200



OKLAHOMA WING CONFERENCE

All senior members should make plans to attend the 2006 Oklahoma Wing Conference. It is a great opportunity to get the latest CAP information and enjoy the comradery of senior members from other squadrons. A variety of workshops are planned and the award banquet is always a highlight.

This years banquet is schedule for 5-7 May and will be

held at the Sheraton Oklahoma City located at One North Broadway in Oklahoma City.

The schedule and a copy of the registration form can be found on the Oklahoma Wing web site at www.okwg.cap.gov. Registrations are due at Wing Headquarters by April 20, 2006. The fees are \$40.00 per person.



SAFETY PLEDGE

"As a Civil Air Patrol member, I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our missions for America."

HAWK MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE SCHOOL

Hawk Mountain Search & Rescue School in Kempton, PA has extended their application deadline until 10 June 2006. This school is open to both cadets and senior and will be held 8-16 July in the mountains of Pennsylvania. The fee is \$125.00. "Hands on field experience of SAR, Leadership & Survival, not in a dormitory."

For all Cadets and Senior members applying to Hawk Mountain SAR School you will need to submit a fully completed CAPF 31, including your wing commander's signature,

directly to PA Wing HQ, BLDG. 3-108, Ft Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003. Mark the outside of the envelope "Hawk". Do **not** send Hawk applications to NHQ.

Visit the Hawk web site at: <http://pawg.cap.gov/hawk/> for more details before completing your CAPF 31.

"You & your team, against the elements."



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NINETY-NINES, INC. OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Oklahoma Chapter of the NINETY-NINES, INC. announced its 28th Annual "Wings of the Future" aviation scholarship.

Each year the Oklahoma Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., awards one or more aviation scholarships, for a minimum amount of \$500.00. The deadline for applications this year is April 16, 2006. Any female at least eighteen years of age may apply for this scholarship. The potential candidate should be success oriented, self-motivated, show a strong tendency for professionalism, and have a great deal of enthusiasm.

For more information and application , visit the Oklahoma Chapter of the Ninety-Nines web site or contact Phylis Hensley at (405) 840-4707 or highflying99@cox.net.



SPACE DAY 2006 - LIVING AND WORKING ON THE MOON

Space Day is an educational initiative that inspires young people to explore careers in mathematics, science, engineering and technology and to realize the vision of our space pioneers. On the first Thursday in May, people of all ages in the U.S. and around the world come together to advance education in these areas. Space Day is dedicated to the extraordinary achievements, benefits and opportunities in the exploration and use of space. The Space Day educational initiative is founded and supported by Lockheed Martin. Over 70 prestigious Partners and Associates participate in and promote Space Day efforts.

This year, Space Day will be celebrated on May 4, 2006 - that's only 1 months away! The theme

is "Living and Working on the Moon". Start making plans now to celebrate this event. Ideas? Plan an open house if your Squadron meets on a Thursday. Contact a local school or schools and volunteer to set up an educational display during their lunch periods. Work with the Boy/Girl Scouts or school for an after school aerospace event on that day. Be creative, and shoot for the Moon!

Visit the Space Day website for more information, www.spaceday.org.

Contact Maj. Kelly Wardlaw, RecLdr@aol.com, if you have any questions, and to let her know how your squadron celebrated Space Day.



SUMMER 2006 AEROSPACE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Space Education Initiatives will be offering a series of Professional Development workshops for Oklahoma educators this summer. The workshops will include exciting activities such as: air powered rocket launches, simulated space flights via the Internet, growing plants aboard the International Space Station, and much more. The workshop is designed to provide educators with the training as well as the materials and equipment needed to implement these new activities.

In addition to the training and materials, educators will:

- receive a \$300 stipend for successful completion;
- be eligible for future opportunities to participate in profession development workshops through Space Education Initiatives;
- have access to online portfolio of education

- resources; and
- be recognized as an OSIDA fellow

Two workshops will be held in Burns Flat, June 12-16 and June 19-23. The third workshop will be held in Tulsa, June 26-30. The application deadline is May 12, 2006. For more information, or to download the application visit: <http://www.spaceed.org/workshops/available.html#osida>.

These workshops are sponsored through the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority's (OSIDA) Education initiatives.

This would be a great workshop for aerospace education officers to attend.

Maj. Kelly Wardlaw, CAP
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WHO PACKS YOUR PARACHUTE?

Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist prison. He survived that ordeal and now lectures about lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did-if your 'chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform-a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. I wondered how many times I might have passed him on the Kitty Hawk. I wondered how many times I might have seen him and not even said good morning, how are you or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

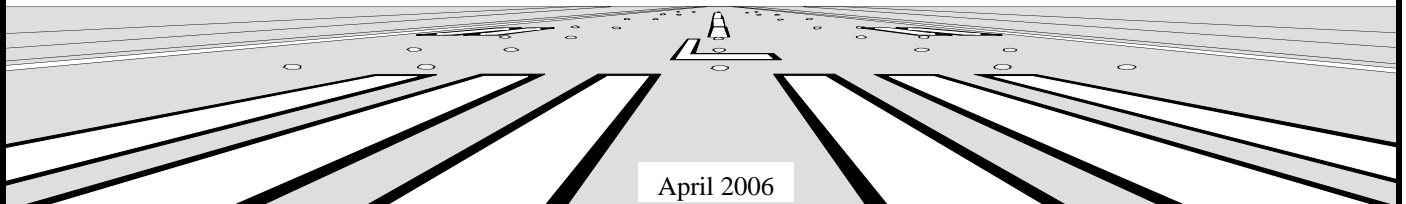
Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory-he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute.

He called on all these supports before reaching safety. His experience reminds us all to prepare ourselves to weather whatever storms lie ahead.



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